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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: RHODESIA

AUGUST 23 EDITION ZAIRE DAILY SALONGO CARRIED SIGNED EDITORIAL ON RHODESIA. AUTHOR STATES THAT "LEVEL OF TENSION IN RHODESIA HAS REACHED THE BREAKING POINT, JUDGING BY THE INCREASINGLY HOSTILE STANCE OF THE NATIONALIST LEADERS TOWARD WESTERN COUNTRIES WHO ARE PART OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL." AUTHOR BELIEVES THAT UN WEAKNESS IN SOLVING PAST CONFLICTS WILL REOCCUR IN RHODESIAN SITUATION IF LONDON AND WASHINGTON CONTINUE TO BE "APATHETIC" TOWARDS "THE WORSENING SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." THE US, ACCORDING EDITORIAL, "HAS NOT HESITATED TO STATION TROOPS IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE PEACE FOR THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE. THE KISSINGER 'SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY' AND, THE 'SPEAKING OUT OF BOTH SIDES OF THE MOUTH' OF HIS SUCCESSOR CYRUS VANCE, ONLY CONFIRMS THE WILLINGNESS OF WASHINGTON TO SEE A LASTING MIDDLE EAST PEACE. BUT WHAT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA? DOES IT REPRESENT AN UNWORTHY CAUSE BECAUSE THAT CAUSE IS UNATTRACTIVE?" AUTHOR ASKS. "FINALLY, PEOPLES' EYES ARE OPENED AND THE TWO GIANTS (LONDON AND WASHINGTON) HAVE BEGUN TO TAKE ACTION. IN ORDER TO SETTLE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BLACKS AND WHITES IN RHODESIA, A PLAN HAS

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BEEN WORKED OUT.

.....BUT, WHAT IS THE CONTENT OF THIS PLAN? ELECTIONS BASED ON UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE BEFORE THE END OF NEXT YEAR, CREATION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION, MAINTAINING ORDER UNDER A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND CREATION OF A BILLION DOLLAR FUND TO AID IN DEVELOPMENT FOR A LEGALLY INDEPENDENT RHODESIA. THIS INSPIRES HOPE," BUT, CONTINUES AUTHOR, MUTUAL BLACK SUSPICION AND SMITH

STUBBORNNESS THREATEN SUCCESS OF PLAN. EDITORIAL STATES THAT
"BLACK NATIONALISTS AND ALL OF AFRICA" HOPE THAT ANGLO-AMERICAN
EFFORTS SUCCEED BUT MEANWHILE, EDITORIAL WARNS, "THE USSR IS
WAITING IN THE WINGS."
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